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Dear L.A.,

Sorry you two were not in when we called from WTTC yesterday. Today I spoke to Terry Bibb and learn that by the time you get this Penn will be going to or in Michigan but that his picture will be coming up. Here's the deal I have lined up on that:

I wanted to wait to phone Steg Kantor until I was relatively free and had a chance to reread this testimony. I spoke to him yesterday (he wants to but cannot attend the preview because of an unavoidable family something). I asked a few questions about the questioning of him and I think he now understands there may be some questions about it. I am taking him to the archive, have already mailed him an application to be admitted, and told him about your picture. His failure to identify Ruby in it means nothing, but should he say "That's my Boy?", well, that might mean something. And it still can. So, one way or another, he'll see it. I spoke to him for some time yesterday and briefly today. He is excitedly awaiting the picture.

The developments on the archive are very good. Now we are getting it out of the denigration of the President class. The London Times interviewed me today - happily they found me deep in the archive, to which I must return - and I said that it was wonderful for schoolkids to go to Washington and see the Spirit of St. Louis. Perhaps there might in the future be some who will think it worthwhile to look at Oswald's beubles, trinkets and bric-a-brac, but this did not strike me as the making available of any information, and that's what is required. "This is but another diversion, etc." They chuckled. Maybe they'll use it. I spoke to Fred Graham of the NY Times. When I was telling him how to leave a message in DC for me at my artist's, I said, By the way, you could have said something nice about my book without giving me credit for anything. Do I not have a beautiful cover?" He laughed. I think he'll move a story and I think I'll soon be taking him into the archive, too. I say take because these guys are strangely blind. The old-fashioned reporter almost does not exist. They do not give college degrees in vision. They give them in press releases.

Today I believe I discovered what I think is a case of suppression by the FBI to protect the radical right in Texas! 281 continuous pages! It means about 40 pages of Xeroxing to put you in a position to check it out, so I began typing notes on it. When I can, and I hope it will be tomorrow, I'll send the details.

Had a letter from my British agent. I spoke to Penn and asked him if he'd like me to see if I can help get your book printed in England. I gave Penn his address. It is Gordon Harbord, 53 St. Martin's Lane, London WC 2. You can use Air Postal Union, up to 22 lbs, I think, at a lower rate. Postal Union is cheaper on books. Most people do not know about it. By air or by sea, if you are interested, send him some copies. He has a specific publisher in mind. I do not know one publisher from 20, but I trust and respect Gordon. Just signed the Italian contract today, at four times the offered advance, which is still not much but that is some improvement! I laughed at them, out loud, and he worked on them, and that is it. I have heard of ~~brothers~~ but have not heard the statement about the pix and X-rays....At this point I got interrupted for the night. Got an early start this a.m. but have much to do with the stuff in the papers this a.m. and a Postal Inspector coming. Finally complained to O'Brien's office yesterday...On my agent, he has said nothing of my proposal to him that one of the two unsuccessful Italian bidders for my book would be interested. I suppose this means he considers part of his responsibility to be to protect me from the fruit of my own folly, looking for competition that will, he thinks, cut into my sales. This is no consideration. If and when he has copies of ~~your~~ books he'll do it. I'll also remind him. The time is now. The time for the content of your book is right now. Push, push, push. The Wash Post this morning says "the Commission staff had examined the photographs when it studied the autopsy procedures and results." Specter in US News acknowledged seeing but one. My approach was sound. Although these are not now to be released, according to radio reports (my Post is the bulldog and went to press before the release on the pix and X-rays), I have always maintained that even the confirmation of what the autopsy doctors testified to would mean only a single less lie was told. I sure hope that line

in one of my exchanges with Jake the Fake is still in the edited tape of the TV show!

I'm getting a nine a.m. call from the Baltimore Sun. Got a 4 a.m. start but I've still much to do to be ready. I want to have the Specter stuff written out so I can quote it directly, I want to go over my own records and type up what I've been doing and saying on this broad subject going back 21 months, get the right words out of my letters to the DJ and Secret Service and archives for forwarding. If I cannot use it this morning I'll certainly want it for Friday night. Tomorrow I'd like to work in the archive again, at least part of the day, but I must be ready for Friday. This will include Liebel, the xx fox who hired himself out to guard the chicken house. I expect not less than two reporters to ask me about him. The west-coast people have been silent on this since their recent calls and expressed fears. I've written them much on it, including the hope they'd try and get me on a west-coast station by phone so I could needle. I've laid a foundation with a letter to the President of UCLA that covers everything and he's had time to answer it.

I shall say of the Kennedy family in connection with this only that they have suffered much and should suffer no more. But the truth is that the pictures and Xrays were government property. They belonged and they still belong to all the people. I wrote Bobby last week saying that up to this point I had eliminated any need he might feel to write me so that he would not have to make a record. However, I said, I've now finished a new book and I think the most important thing is the national interest. I encourage you to find as few as five minutes for me to tell you what it says. I've had no answer. I wonder if I've had an indirect one? You'll know what I means when you see the new book. There remains now but a single important thing unexpressed: the identifications of the assassinations. This new one overwhelmingly proves who did what part of the whitewashing and proves, I think beyond question, the intent to whitewash in the executive agencies - again, with names.

Got to rush. If I forgot anything I'll try and write again over the weekend. I also want to prepare to approach Caster tomorrow, if I can.

Best from us both,